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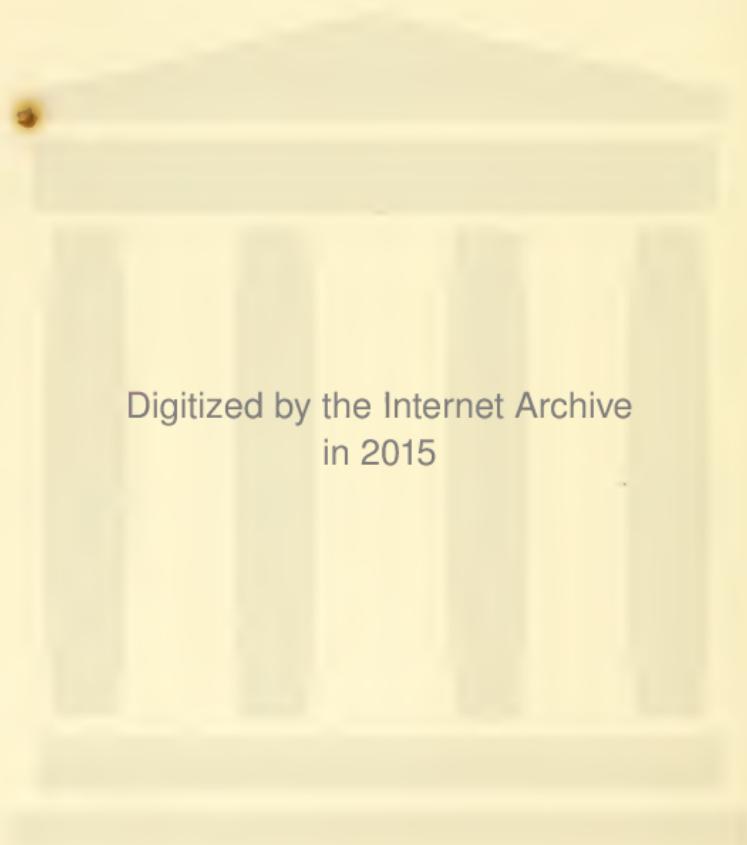
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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

Citizens of Carver:—

The Selectmen submit their Annual Report of the receipts and expenditures of the town for the past year, with such other facts as may be of interest.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

ANDREW GRIFFITH, *Treasurer.*

DR.

To cash on hand March 3, 1888,	\$1,755 19
Rec'd from Geo. B. Fuller, license to ped-	
dle,	6 00
Town of Middleboro' for tuition,	10 17
Sale of herrings,	34
State Treasurer, balance corporation	
tax, 1887,	07
City of Taunton, aid to Shurtleff fam-	
ily,	104 00
Peleg McFarlin, extra work on new	
road,	50 00
Wm. L. Randall, license to peddle,	6 00
Town of East Bridgewater, aid to Dar-	
ling,	10 00
Wm. Savery, Agent—loan,	1,000 00
T. B. Griffith, Admr. cemetery fund,	200 00
Edgar C. Rogers, license to peddle,	6 00
State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	601 36

State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	818 07
" " State aid, Ch. 301,	232 20
" " State aid, Ch. 252,	38 00
P. McFarlin, Trustee Ellis School fund,	160 00
County Treasurer, dividend dog licenses,	114 41
G. Atwood, Trustee Pratt School fund,	100 00
State Treasurer, State School fund,	205 14
N. Baker, rent M. Bumpus house,	4 00
Collection of taxes,	5,955 04
Interest on delinquent taxes,	38 06
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Total receipts,	\$11,414 05

CR.

Paid Support of schools,	\$1,889 19
Support of Poor,	1,953 94
Repairs of highways,	1,241 21
Repairs of bridges,	25 90
Repairs of school-houses,	97 42
School books and incidentals,	109 54
State aid, Chap. 301,	282 00
State aid, Chap. 252,	144 00
Incidental town expenses,	660 65
Repairs of almshouse,	25 65
Removal of snow, highways,	37
Town-house account,	1 33
New road, So. Carver,	304 50
State tax,	810 00
County tax,	724 59
Griffith cemetery fund, deposited	
Wareham Savings Bank,	203 00
William Savery, Agent—loan,	1,000 00
Cash on hand March 2, 1889,	1,940 76
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	\$11,414 05

SCHOOLS.

Receipts and expenses connected with the schools the past year:—

DR.

To balance from 1887,	\$ 132 03
Appropriation of 1888,	1,200 00
Rec'd from Middleboro', tuition,	10 17
Ellis School fund, app. to No. 4,	160 00
Pratt School fund,	100 00
State School fund,	205 14
Dog licenses,	114 41

	\$1,921 75

CR.

Paid approved bills of School Committee, as follows:—

Vesta B. Shaw, teacher No. 1 grammar, .	\$ 152 00
E. B. Perkins, teacher No. 1 grammar, .	128 00
C. Robbins, wood bill, No. 1 grammar, .	15 00
H. Thrasher, cutting, No. 1 grammar, .	1 50
M. E. Braddock, cleaning No. 1 grammar, .	3 00
Carrie E. Soule, teacher No. 1 primary, .	203 00
C. Robbins, wood bill, No. 1 primary, .	15 00
H. Thrasher, cutting, No. 1 primary, .	1 50
M. E. Braddock, cleaning No. 1 primary, .	3 00
Bernice E. Cornish, teacher No. 1, .	196 00
John Bent, wood bill, No. 2,	8 00
John Bent, cutting, No. 2,	1 88
W. Thomas Southworth, cutting, No. 2, .	1 88
B. A. Maxim, cleaning No. 2,	2 00
Harry Cassidy, janitor No. 2,	3 00
Flora M. Cushing, teacher No. 3,	168 00
Vesta B. Shaw, teacher No. 3,	136 00
John Bent, wood bill, No. 3,	4 50

T. T. Vaughan, wood bill, No. 3, . . .	1 13
F. M. Cushing, cutting, No. 3, advanced, .	70
W. D. Shurtleff, cutting, No. 3, . . .	75
J. M. Northern, cutting, No. 3, . . .	6 00
P. J. Barrows, cleaning, No. 3, . . .	2 50
C. L. Bates, teacher No. 4, grammar, .	240 00
H. S. Griffith, cutting wood, No. 4 grammar,	2 25
G. Atwood, wood bill, No. 4 grammar, .	10 75
H. S. Griffith, cleaning No. 4 grammar, .	2 50
C. S. Bates, janitor, No. 4 grammar, .	6 00
Nellie E. Gammons, teacher, No. 4 primary,	182 00
G. Atwood, wood bill, No. 4 primary, .	10 00
H. S. Griffith, cutting, No. 4 primary, .	2 25
H. S. Griffith, cleaning No. 4 primary, .	1 06
Harry Swift, janitor No. 4 primary, .	3 00
Sadie F. Atwood, teacher No. 5, . . .	144 00
Leila B. Thomas, teacher No. 5, . . .	49 30
Abial T. Shurtleff, wood and cutting, No. 5,	18 43
Emily F. Chipman, teacher No. 8, . . .	90 00
Sadie F. Atwood, teacher No. 8, . . .	60 00
G. Atwood, wood and cutting, No. 8, .	11 13
H. S. Griffith, cleaning No 8, . . .	2 18
Total expenses,	\$1,889 19
Undrawn March 2, 1889, . . .	32 56
	\$1,921 75

HIGHWAYS.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the repairs of highways the past year:—

DR.

To balance from 1887,	\$ 112 91
Appropriation of 1888,	1 200 00
	\$1,312 91

CR.

Paid R. Shurtleff, surveyor District No.	
1,	\$ 64 15
W. C. Richards, surveyor District No.	
2, 1887,	10 50
R. L. Richards, surveyor District No.	
2,	67 34
P. W. Bumpus, surveyor District No.	
3,	74 73
H. C. Washburn, surveyor District	
No. 4,	75 55
S. W. Gould, surveyor District No.	
5, 1887,	4 95
S. W. Gould, surveyor District No.	
5,	92 15
Jas. Breach, surveyor District No. 6,	
1887,	2 25
J. S. Robbins, surveyor District No.	
6,	68 30
Lucius Atwood, surveyor District No.	
7, 1887,	27 00
P. J. Holmes, surveyor District No.	
7,	61 05
O. L. Shurtleff, surveyor District No.	
8,	70 96
A. M. Bumpus, surveyor District No.	
9,	32 03
I. S. Shurtleff, surveyor District No.	
10, 1887,	3 45
I. S. Shurtleff, surveyor District No.	
10,	232 05
C. W. Crafts, surveyor District No.	
11,	98 85
E. C. Westgate, surveyor District No.	
12, 1887,	75

Paid Z. A. Tillson, surveyor District No.	
12,	57 52
J. C. Chandler, surveyor District No.	
13,	94 05
Joseph Morris, surveyor District No.	
14,	38 69
L. W. Barrows, surveyor District No.	
15, 1887,	4 00
John Dunham, surveyor District No.	
15,	60 89
Total expenditures,	<u>\$1,241 21</u>
Balance undrawn,	<u>71 70</u>
	\$1,312 91

Due highway districts as follows:—

No. 1,	\$10 03
No. 2,	00 00
No. 3,	00 00
No. 4,	00 00
No. 5,	3 96
No. 6,	9 99
No. 7,	9 25
No. 8,	00 00
No. 9,	00 00
No. 10,	2 52
No. 11,	16 61
No. 12,	00 00
No. 13,	82
No. 14,	2 35
No. 15,	16 17
	<u>\$71 70</u>

BRIDGES.

Receipts and expenses connected with the repair of bridges the past year :—

DR.

To balance from 1887,	\$ 56 61
Appropriation of 1888,	100 00
		<hr/> \$156 61

CR.

Paid R. L. Richards, District No. 2,	. . .	\$ 3 95
W. T. Southworth, District No. 2,	. .	2 25
H. E. Murdock, District No. 2,	. .	4 50
W. C. Richards, District No. 2,	. .	2 00
P. W. Bumpus, District No. 3,	. .	1 80
H. C. Washburn, District No. 4,	. .	72
G. Atwood, District No. 4,	. .	3 79
S. W. Gould, District No. 5,	. .	1 50
J. Morris, District No. 14,	. .	2 39
Z. A. Tillson, District No. 12,	. .	3 00
		<hr/> \$25 90
Balance unexpended,	. . .	130 71
		<hr/> \$156 61

REPAIR OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Receipts and expenses connected with the repair of school-houses the past year :—

DR.

To balance from 1887,	\$94 48
Appropriation of 1888,	75 00
		<hr/> \$169 48

CR.

Paid G. Atwood, work and material, No.		
1 primary,	\$47	69
A. G. Whitcomb, for desk, No. 1 primary,	2	40
W. C. Richards, setting glass, etc.,		
No. 2,	5	0
R. L. Richards, repairs, No. 2,	1	20
I. A. Bent, repairs, No. 2,	1	00
J. Southworth, repairs, No. 3,	6	00
G. Atwood, repairs, No. 3,	1	0
G. Atwood, repair and painting, No.		
4,	18	30
H. S. Griffith, glass and setting, No.		
4,	7	1
J. Harris, work and material, No.		
5,	14	21
G. Atwood, work and material, No.		
8,	5	31
		\$97
Balance unexpended,	42	
		72
		06
		\$169
		48

SCHOOL-BOOKS AND INCIDENTALS.

Receipts and expenses connected with school-books and school incidentals the past year:—

DR.

To balance from 1887,	\$ 11	51
Appropriation of 1888,	125	00
		\$136
		51

CR.

Paid H. S. Griffith, utensils for Schools 4 and 8,	\$ 2 05
Irene A. Bent, utensils for schools, . . .	2 40
E. E. Babb & Co., for books,	62 99
A. M. Edwards & Co., charts,	40 00
Ellis Foundry Co., utensils for schools, . .	1 46
G. Atwood, paper and ink,	34
N. E. Gammons, broom,	30
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	\$109 54
Balance unexpended,	<hr/> 26 97
	<hr/> \$136 51

NEW ROAD.

Receipts and expenses connected with building the new road at South Carver the past year:—

DR.

To balance from 1887,	\$188 00
Appropriation of 1888,	100 00
Contributed by P. McFarlin,	<hr/> 50 00
	<hr/> \$338 00

CR.

Paid J. N. Morse, contractor,	\$300 00
J. M. Coombs, advertising,	1 50
W. C. Richards, committee service, . .	<hr/> 3 00
Total expenses,	\$304 50
Balance unexpended,	<hr/> 33 50
	<hr/> \$338 00

SNOW.

Receipts and expenses connected with the removal of snow from the highways the past year:—

DR.	
To appropriation of 1888,	\$125 00
Paid Lewis Pratt, shovelling, 1887, District	
No. 5,	\$ 0 37
Deficiency of 1887,	89 26
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	\$89 63
Balance unexpended,	35 37
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	\$125 00

STATE AID.

Receipts and disbursements connected with State aid to soldiers and families under Chap. 301 the past year:—

DR.	
Due from the State,	\$327 30
CR.	
Paid B. F. Fuller,	\$48 00
Wm. W. Pearson,	30 00
H. K. Swift,	60 00
L. N. Shaw,	36 00
Abby H. Eddy,	48 00
Caroline W. Pratt,	48 00
Charles Atwood,	12 00
Total disbursements,	<hr/> \$282 00
Paid previous to March 3, 1888,	<hr/> 45 30
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	\$327 30

POOR AND INDIGENT SOLDIERS' AID.

Receipts and disbursements under Chap. 252 the past year:—

DR.

Due from the State,	\$83 00
One-half paid by Carver,	83 00
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	\$166 00

CR.

Paid Samuel J. Ham,	\$48 00
Manoah Hurd,	96 00
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Total disbursements,	\$144 00
Paid previous to March 3, 1888,	22 00
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	\$166 00

REPAIRS OF ALMSHOUSE.

Receipts and expenses connected with the repairs of the almshouse the past year:—

DR.

To balance from 1887, \$62 06

CR.

Paid J. B. Hatch, material and labor,	\$ 9 00
J. C. Whitehead, paint,	2 50
W. H. H. Weston, paint, etc.,	2 50
E. A. Richards, painting and other work,	10 65
Jones Bros., house paper,	1 00
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Total expenses,	\$25 65
Balance unexpended,	36 41
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	\$62 06

TOWN-HOUSE ACCOUNT.

DR.

To balance from 1887,	\$ 112 08
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CR.

Paid P. J. Barrows, cleaning,	\$ 75
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Ellis Foundry Co., can and oil,	58
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\$ 1 33

Balance unexpended,	110 75
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\$ 112 08

POOR.

Receipts and expenses connected with the support of the poor the past year:—

DR.

To appropriation of 1888,	\$ 1,700 00
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Rec'd from Taunton, aid to Shurtleff fam-

ily,	104 00
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" East Bridgewater, aid to Dar-

ling,	10 00
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" rent of M. Bumpus' house,	4 00
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\$ 1,818 00

Overdrawn in 1887,	199 15
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Overdrawn in 1888,	135 94
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\$ 2,153 09

CR.

Paid provisions for almshouse,	\$ 354 17
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Matron services,	260 00
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Wood bill,	49 40
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Clothing and shoes,	10 70
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Medical attendance,	19 30
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Total expense in almshouse,	\$ 693 57
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EXPENSE OUTSIDE ALMSHOUSE:

Paid aid to—

M. and C. Wrightington,	\$108 00
Asa Wrightington,	30 31
Anna C. Tornrose,	113 35
John Thomas, and med. attendance, .	83 55
Charles Robery, Wareham,	224 00
Town of Northbridge, aid to Mrs. Kilroy,	70 00
Town of Plymouth, aid to I. F. Atwood's family,	174 25
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, aid to W. McFarlin,	155 06
William Pratt,	65 00
Addie Shurtleff and family,	104 00
City of New Bedford, aid to S. J. Ham,	12 00
City of Chelsea, aid to S. J. Ham,	2 00
Alden Darling,	10 00
Town of Wareham, aid to A. J. Bumpus,	13 50
Town of Wareham, aid to Allen Stringer,	16 00
Ellis Foundry Co., aid to Allen Stringer,	3 50
Town of Norwell, aid to Augustus Casey,	4 00
Barney Lucas, Wareham,	36 00
City of Boston, aid to Charles Atwood,	1 10
Ellis H. Cornish, med. att. Hattie Wrightington,	11 00
Ellis H. Cornish, med. att. Edwin Sears,	5 00

S. B. Briggs, service, death of J. Vaughan,	2 50
S. B. Briggs, removing man, E. Head, to almshouse,	5 75
E. A. Richards, care of Charles McDonald,	6 00
H. Peckham, removing man, E. Head, to Center Carver,	2 00
J. E. Brett, aid to same E. Head, Center Carver,	1 00
E. A. Richards, conveying man to Bridgewater,	1 50
Total outside aid,	<u>\$1,260 37</u>
Total expense of the poor,	\$1,953 94
Overdrawn in 1887,	<u>199 15</u>
	\$2,153 09

INCIDENTAL TOWN EXPENSES.

Receipts and expenses connected with the incidental town expense account the past year:—

DR.	
To appropriation of 1888,	\$600 00
Received pedlers' licenses,	18 00
" sale of herrings,	34
" interest on taxes,	38 06
	<u>\$656 40</u>
Overdrawn in 1887 and 1888,	<u>55 55</u>
	\$711 95

CR.

Paid A. Griffith, treas. and coll. commission, 1887,	\$167 20
Printing, postage and stationery, . . .	10 25
A. Griffith, selectman and overseer of poor, 1887,	73 20
A. T. Shurtleff, do., same,	29 00
S. C. C. Finney, do., same,	35 69
A. T. Shurtleff, town clerk, services, 1887,	35 00
Postage and express,	4 05
T. M. Southworth, auditor, 1887, . . .	3 50
J. A. Vaughan, " "	2 00
N. Sherman, " "	1 00
F. M. Cushing, member school committee, 1887,	31 25
H. S. Griffith, member school committee, 1887,	12 00
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing town reports,	46 80
State Treasurer, corporation tax overpaid,	10 63
Geo. B. Fuller, lamp chimney,	08
I. A. Bent, member school committee, 1887,	29 00
Stationery, car fare, &c.,	2 90
Surveyor's books,	60
J. C. Sullivan, legal advice to school committee,	2 00
W. C. Richards, road committee, No. Carver, 1887,	3 00
E. W. Shaw, burial dead horse, highway,	1 00
E. B. Cole, assessor, 1888,	16 00

Paid A. T. Shurtleff, assessor, 1888, . . .	\$20 00
A. Griffith, assessor, 1888, . . .	20 00
S. B. Briggs, member herring committee, 1887,	2 75
S. B. Briggs, constable service, 1887,	6 00
Various persons, fighting fire, E. Head,	47 12
P. W. Bumpus, repairing wash-outs,	6 17
Wm. Savery, agt., interest on loan, .	25 00
Interest on E. Griffith cemetery fund, .	3 62
O. L. Shurtleff, repairing wash-outs, .	8 84
C. H. Atwood, conveying herring committee to So. Wareham, . . .	1 50
J. W. Atwood, returning deaths, 1888,	2 00
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing registration notices,	1 50
Total incidental town expenses, .	\$660 65
Overdrawn in 1887,	51 30
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	\$711 95

OTHER RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

DR.

Corporation tax,	\$601 43
N. Bank tax,	818 07
Overlay on taxes,	178 46
Loan,	1,000 00
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	\$2,597 96

CR.

Paid State tax,	\$ 810 00
County tax,	724 59
Loan,	1,000 00
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	\$2,534 59
Surplus,	63 37
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	\$2,597 96

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

A. GRIFFITH, *Collector.*

DR.

1888.

March 3. To uncollected taxes of 1879, \$82 29

CR.

1889.

March 2. By taxes uncollected, \$82 29

DR.

1888.

March 3. To uncollected taxes of 1886, \$30 20

CR.

1889.

March 2. By taxes collected in 1888, . . . \$25 46

" A. S. Sparrow's poll tax

abated, 2 00

" Amount uncollected, 2 74

\$30 20

DR.

1888.

March 3. To uncollected taxes of 1887, \$1,045 99

CR.

1889.

March 2.	By taxes collected in 1888, . . .	\$994 67
"	A. S. Sparrow, poll and personal tax abated, . . .	2 48
"	Daniel Dunham, tax abated, . . .	1 63
"	Eben Ellis, poll tax abated, . . .	2 00
"	Wm. B. Pratt, poll tax abated, . . .	2 00
"	Muddy Pond Cranberry Bog Co., tax abated, . . .	15 00

1888.

March.	By amount uncollected, . . .	\$28 21
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DR.

1888.

July 28.	To amount of taxes of 1888, . . .	\$5,738 05
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CR.

1889.

March 2.	By amt. taxes collected in 1888, \$4,934 91	
"	G. Atwood, guardian, tax abated,	1 24
"	Amount uncollected, . . .	801 90
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\$5,738 05

TOWN ASSETS.

1889.

March 2.	Cash in the treasury,	\$1,940 76
"	Due from State, aid to soldiers, Ch. 301, . . .	327 30
"	" " " Ch. 252, . . .	83 00
"	" Taunton, aid to Shurtleff family, . . .	104 00
"	Uncollected tax bills of 1879, . . .	82 29
"	" " 1886, . . .	2 74
"	" " 1887, . . .	28 21
"	" " 1888, . . .	801 90
Total assets, . . .		\$3,370 20

LIABILITIES.

A. Griffith, treas. and coll., commission 1888, unpaid,	\$160	49
Printing, postage and stationery,	9	13
A. Griffith, selectman and overseer of poor,	72	42
A. T. Shurtleff, do., same,	29	00
E. B. Cole, do., same,	30	00
A. T. Shurtleff, town clerk, services,	35	00
Postage and express,	4	26
School appropriation undrawn,	32	56
Highway " "	71	70
Tax sale due on demand,	33	02
Bills for poor, unsettled, estimated,	150	00
All other demands, estimated,	150	00
 Total estimated liabilities,	\$777	58
 Assets over liabilities,	2,592	62

ASSESSORS' STATISTICS, 1888.

Value of personal estate,	\$153,890
Value of real estate,	434,960
 Total valuation,	\$588,850
Value of buildings,	\$162,090
Value of land,	272,870
	\$434,960

Raised by taxation—

For support of poor,	\$1,700 00
Support of schools,	1,200 00
Repair highways,	1,200 00
Repair bridges,	100 00
Repair school-houses,	75 00
School-books and incidentals,	125 00
Town incidentals,	600 00
Removal of snow, highways,	125 00
New road, So. Carver,	100 00
State tax,	810 00
County tax,	724 59
Total,	\$6,759 59

Deduct est. Bank and Cor. tax,	\$1,200 00
	<u>\$5,559 59</u>
Overlay,	<u>178 46</u>
Whole amount of taxes,	<u>\$5,738 05</u>
Rate of taxation per \$1,000,	\$9 00
Poll tax,	2 00
Number polls taxed,	218
Number persons taxed,	524
On poll only,	63
On property,	461
Horses taxed,	167
Cows taxed,	180
Sheep taxed,	6
Shotes taxed,	52
Neat cattle other than cows,	56
Mules taxed,	4
Ponies,	3
Dwelling-houses taxed,	264
Acres of land taxed,	21,292

APPROPRIATIONS, 1889.

The following sums are recommended to meet current expenses the year ensuing:—

Support of poor,	\$1,900 00
Support of schools,	0,000 00
Repair of highways,	1,200 00
Repair of bridges,	25 00
Repair of school-houses,	50 00
School-books and incidentals,	125 00
Removal of snow, highways,	25 00
Town incidentals,	625 00

The corporation and bank tax is estimated to yield about \$1,200.

SCHOOLS.

The undrawn balance in this account amounts to \$32 56, with the expense of two schools of the winter term to meet, which will overdraw the account. No appropriation is recommended, but it can be seen that if we have more than twenty-eight weeks of schooling, a larger appropriation is necessary.

HIGHWAYS.

The same sum as last year is recommended for the repairs of highways. If any other plan for repairing is adopted, the same appropriation would be a fair test of its efficiency.

BRIDGES.

There remains undrawn in this account \$130 71, with a small appropriation recommended. It is very difficult to decide how much money is needed, as bridges are liable to give out at any time, and stone work is expensive.

SNOW.

As is well known, there has been no expense in clearing the highways of snow up to the time of writing this report. An appropriation of \$25 00 is advised to meet possible expenses.

REPAIR OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

The balance unexpended in this account is \$72 06. A further appropriation of \$50 00 is recommended, as some of the houses may need painting. Upon examination, the seats of the primary school, North Carver, were found too good to be taken out; consequently they were repaired—saving quite a sum over the cost of new—notwithstanding a vote of the town to the contrary.

SCHOOL-BOOKS, &c.

An appropriation of \$125 00—same as last year—is recommended: the balance unexpended being \$26 97.

TOWN INCIDENTALS.

This account being overdrawn, an increased appropriation, \$625 00, will be needed.

POOR.

This account is largely overdrawn. We recommend an appropriation of \$1,900 00 to meet expenses of another year. There is no increase in cost of the Roberry family—rent being paid for two years. We see no chance to lessen the expenses. The law imposes some obligations upon towns that cannot be avoided. Soldiers and their families must be supported outside the almshouse, regardless of cost. The net cost of the poor has been \$1,839 63; the balance is reimbursed. The cost of supporting an average of 42 $\frac{1}{3}$ at the almshouse has been \$2 87 per week, including victuals and lodging of twenty-eight tramps.

The assets over liabilities have increased upwards of four hundred dollars from last year. This is accounted for from the fact that the bank and corporation taxes yielded more than the estimate, and a larger overlay on taxes than usual.

We may say, in conclusion, that our faith is still in Carver. We see no cause for gloom, for it is an undisputed fact that our people are as steadily employed and meet their obligations as well as elsewhere. But we do not disguise the fact that some industry is necessary to keep the wheels moving, and with us that industry is largely the production of cranberries.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW GRIFFITH.

ALBERT T. SHURTLEFF.

ELMER B. COLE.

Selectmen

of

Carver.

TOWN MEETING.

Contents of Warrant for town meeting to be held at the town house, on Monday, the 1st day of April, 1889, at one o'clock, P. M.

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3.—To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the year ensuing.

ART. 4.—To determine the manner of repairing highways, and decide the compensation for labor thereon.

ART. 5.—To decide when taxes shall become due, and whether any interest shall be charged after a certain date.

ART. 6.—To see what pay the town will vote the treasurer and collector, or other town officers.

ART. 7.—To see if the town will instruct the treasurer to hire money, under the direction of the Selectmen, if found necessary, in anticipation of taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 8.—To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen.

ART. 9.—To see if the town will vote to make the yards of field-drivers town pounds, provided they also be chosen pound-keepers.

ART. 10.—To see if the town will vote to make a special appropriation for the purpose of gravelling or floating the hills on the highway near Eben Dunham's, and cutting out the road leading to the Swan Holt cranberry-bog.

ART. 11.—To see if the town will appropriate anything for

the purpose of decorating soldiers' graves in Carver, and pay the same over to Grand Army Post E. W. Peirce, of Middleboro. (*By request.*)

ART. 12.—To bring in their votes by ballot, “Yes” or “No,” upon the question, Shall license be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?

ANDREW GRIFFITH, } *Selectmen of*
ALBERT T. SHURTLEFF, } *Carver.*

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK For the Year 1888.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN CARVER FOR THE YEAR 1888.

1888.

April 29.—Henry Alton Farrington of Middleborough, and Ida May Chandler, of Carver.

May 26.—Joseph Henry Washburn of Carver, and Emma Gray Morse of Middleborough.

May 30.—Henry L. Eburn and Linda M. Spear, both of Halifax.

July 27.—Ezra Sampson Diman, jr., of Plymouth, and Mary Evans Lucas of Carver.

Aug. 19.—Edwin S. Hayward and Essie M. McLane, both of Halifax.

Nov. 21.—Darius Gardner Thomas of Carver, and Emeline B. Haven of Middleborough.

Dec. 24.—Albert Clemence Bradford of Plympton, and Laura Atwood Braddock of Carver.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN CARVER FOR THE
YEAR 1888.

1888.	NAME.	PARENTS.
Jan. 30,	Annie Laura Thomas,	Eli J. and Mercy J.
April 15,	Bernice Amelia De Rose,	Alfred M. and Rebecca K.
April 18,	Roscoe Conkling Griffith,	Henry S. and Helen H.
April 19,	Forest Emerson Lincoln,	Alfred F. and Mary A.
May 8,	Carlton Shurtleff,	Albert T. and Maria Y.
May 31,	Russell Whidden Holmes,	Gardner E. and Sarah C.
June 6,	William Wrightington,	Harriet Wrightington.
June 8,	Herbert Sheldon Coombs,	Herbert M. and Laura C.
June 29,	Blanche Elva Cornish,	Ellis H. and Nancy L.
July 7,	Ada Leslie Dimond,	Fred A. and Maria W.
Aug. 29,	Herbert Francis Gammons,	Henry H. and Dora F.
Sept. 23,	Arthur Pearson Burke,	John H. and Jenny E.
Oct. 1,	Theron Clifford Crocker,	Lemuel N. and Bessie A.
Oct. 19,	Bertha Smith,	Israel M. and Luella F.
Oct. 27,	La Forest Ray Case,	James E. and Waitstill A.
Dec. 17,	Mabel Irene Peckham,	Henry M. and Annie P.
Dec. 21,	Ellis Sheridan Bumpus,	A. Lincoln and Hannah.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN CARVER FOR THE YEAR 1888.

DATE. 1888.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
		Y.	M.	D.		
Jan. 10,	Edwin F. Sears,	49	10	15	Consumption,	Leander and Sarah.
Feb. 25,	Annie W. Raymond,	23	1	29	Typhoid Pneumonia,	Jonathan B. and Olive Perkins.
April 3,	Leon May Fish,	1	1	28	Consumption,	Herbert F. and Lillian M.
April 14,	Ella M. Hackett,	5	2	5	Epilepsy,	Edward W. and Eveline F.
April 17,	Sophia Westgate,	64	—	—	Cancer,	Rufus and Achsah Baker.
April 26,	Sarah Palmer Stone,	13	5	16	Spinal Meningitis,	James M. and Sarah P.
May 25,	Horatio Norton Merry,	59	—	—	Consumption,	Matthew and Betsey.
June 27,	Edward Bumpus,	88	3	15	Old Age.	Edward and Sarah.
June 11,	Ira A. Stubbss,	70	—	—	Pulmonary Hemorrhage,	Unknown.
July 29,	Forest Emerson Lincoln,	—	3	10	Cholera Infantum,	Alfred F. and Mary A.
Aug. 12,	Preston Manta,	67	2	21	Drowning,	Prince and Lydia.
Sept. 3,	Betsey M. Bump,	69	—	—	Paralysis,	Thomas and Patience Maxim.
Sept. 18,	Eli Francis Washburn,	25	—	13	Shooting,	Marshall and Joanna.
Nov. 28,	Bertha Smith,	—	1	10	Convulsions,	Israel M. and Luella F.

Summary for 1888, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Marriages,} \\ \text{Births,} \\ \text{Deaths,} \\ \text{No. of Dogs licensed,} \end{array} \right\}$ 7
17
14
72

ALBERT T. SHURTEFF, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The period for which we now present you a report has been one of average good progress.

The majority of the schools have continued their work without important changes in organization or instruction.

This has been favorable to progress in all departments of school instruction. Those schools retaining same instructors have resumed their suspended labors at the opening of each successive term, and proceeded without the delays consequent to a radical change. A retrograde movement always attends a frequent change of teachers.

Assuming that all reflective citizens regard our school system as a most powerful factor in the future prosperity of our town, and also that they are in active sympathy with all efforts to strengthen and increase the efficiency of this system, a brief description of the schools and the obstacles which impede their progress is herewith presented.

With sincere regret we received the resignation of Mrs. Flora M. Cushing, a most efficient teacher, who has taught School No. 3 during the past three years with marked success. A transfer of the teacher at the North Grammar being made to fill this vacancy caused another at the North, which was supplied by a teacher of some experience, who has had the advantages afforded by Normal training. We were pleased with the general appearance of the school—both the method of instructing and order were commendable. We think the school will prosper, providing the teacher and pupils strive to make the best use of their

abilities. We review our visits to the South Grammar School with unqualified pleasure. This school leads in membership and scholarship; the teacher and pupils working harmoniously.

Our mixed schools have been reduced in size, by the withdrawal of several of the older pupils, for various causes. The South, or School No. 8, has been in charge of four different teachers during the past four years, which has been detrimental to progress. We earnestly recommend the re-election of the present teacher, who is laboring with her usual fidelity and success. We note with much gratification the improvement in order noticeable in School No. 2. The teacher has the hearty co-operation of parents and pupils, which, added to her tact and qualifications, insures success.

School No. 3 has sustained its former good reputation the past year, and merits our approval. We visited School No. 5 during the year 1887, each term, and regarded with pleasure the progress made, which bespoke the careful training of the teacher who taught the spring term of the past year. A portion of the parents expressed a desire for a change of teachers, which was granted, and the former teacher was transferred to another school; where, we trust, her efforts will be appreciated. The school (No. 5) has been taught the remainder of the year by a teacher having had no previous experience, who has performed her part with zeal and fidelity.

The North Primary School has been in charge of the same teacher for the past six years. The school reminds us of a well-conducted family, all in perfect harmony. The teacher generously providing books for supplementary reading, and many helpful attractions which afford both pleasure and profit to the little ones. We know that the children are receiving good instruction. The teacher strives to improve the manners, and train the *heart* as well as the intellect.

The South Primary has a larger membership than last year, and is steadily progressing. A class has been promoted to the

Grammar School. The teacher has labored earnestly, and the scholars have advanced.

The appearance of the school-room at the North Primary was much improved during the vacation, which renders it much more attractive than formerly.

We have purchased "The Teacher's Language Charts" for the Grammar and Mixed Schools, which are very helpful when properly interpreted. They require thought, and afford a variety of written work, which is essential to progress. We fear that a majority of the schools are not receiving the benefit which they would if more frequent reference were made to them. We appreciate our resident town-teachers, and heartily approve of employing home talent; but, in view of the fact that a number of them have received no advantages outside of those afforded by our common schools, and others have only taught in town, we earnestly recommend them to visit village or city schools, thereby gaining new ideas which will add to the general improvement of our system. There will be ample time to visit schools in the adjacent or distant towns of this State during the fall season, which is set apart for educational fasting and—*cranberry picking*.

We now arrive at the obstacles to progress. Want of apparatus is a characteristic of our schools. There is a dearth of reference books, maps, and globes, deficient blackboards—only one numeral frame. We have insufficient schooling. Our school term has been shortened the past year. The schools have only been in session four weeks longer than required by law.

The means at our command do not enable us to supply experienced teachers, except those residing in town. We recommend that a larger appropriation be made at the annual town meeting, for the support of schools.

In conclusion, we express anew our deep interest in those who will soon be our law-makers or law-breakers of the land.

The youth now attending our schools, after being moulded a

short time by the influence brought to bear upon them by parents, teachers, and surroundings, will soon arise and take the management into *their* hands. The children of to-day will then be men, acting by impulses received from the present influences.

Teachers should consider that example is more potent than precept. No individual can escape from some responsibility in the moral education of the young.

“There is no office in this world of greater importance than that of a teacher of youth; for there is nothing on earth so precious as the mind, the soul, and the character of a child.”

Respectfully submitted,

IRENE A. BENT,
ELLIS H. CORNISH,
GUSTAVUS ATWOOD, } *School
Committee.*

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy during the specified terms:—

School No. 1, Grammar, *Vesta B. Shaw*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Evelyn Robbins. Embert Eames.

SECOND TERM.

Elmer B. Perkins, Teacher.

Fleda King,	Mabel Eames,
Francelia Dunham,	Mabel Shurtleff,
Helen King,	Lloyd Robbins,
Nannie King,	Embert Eames.

THIRD TERM.

Nellie Sherman.

School No. 1, Primary, *Carrie E. Soule*, Teacher.

Flora Q. Eames.

School No. 2, *Bernice Cornish*, Teacher.

Flora M. Atwood,	Emma F. Richards,
Minnie L. Richards,	Harry W. Cassidy.

SECOND TERM.

Minnie L. Richards,	Franklin F. Weston.
Emma F. Richards.	

THIRD TERM.

Minnie L. Richards,	Naomi M. Atwood,
Emma F. Richards,	Harry W. Cassidy.

School No. 3, *Flora M. Cushing*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Lucy T. Shurtleff,	Walter D. Shurtleff,
Willie E. Cornish.	

SECOND TERM.

Vesta B. Shaw, Teacher.

Gertrude F. Cornish,	Willie E. Cornish,
Lucy W. Shaw,	Walter D. Shurtleff.

THIRD TERM.

Gertrude F. Cornish,	Walter D. Shurtleff,
Lillian M. Vaughan.	

School No. 4, Grammar, *Chas. L. Bates*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Victor H. Anderson,	Fannie Briggs,
Clarence Cushman,	Fannie Dunham,
Ernest Dunham,	Emma F. Manter,

Marcus C. Shurtleff.

SECOND TERM.

Flora Atwood,	Ernest G. Dunham,
Bernice Briggs,	Alice Tillson.

THIRD TERM.

Victor Anderson,	Bernice E. Briggs,
Ernest Dunham,	Fannie S. Dunham,
Marcus Shurtleff,	Mabel McFarlin,

James E. Swift.

School No. 4, Primary, *Nellie E. Gammons*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Blanche Tillson,	Allie Shaw,
Harvey Swift.	

THIRD TERM.

Harvey Swift.

School No. 8, *Emily M. Chipman*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Henrietta C. Westgate,
Elva H. Griffith,
Jennie G. Washburn,Susie Z. Hudson,
Mercy B. Griffith,
James S. Hudson.

SECOND TERM.

Sadie F. Atwood, Teacher.

Mercy B. Griffith,

Frank Atwood.

THIRD TERM.

Susie Hudson,
Charlie Atwood,Lloyd Griffith,
James Hudson.

MONEY AND STATISTICS.

DR.

Appropriation,	1,200 00
Income from State fund,	205 14
Income from Ellis fund,	160 00
Income from Pratt fund,	100 00
Middleboro tuition,	10 17
Dog tax,	114 41
Total,	\$1,789 72

CR.

SCHOOL NO. 1 (Grammar.)

Teacher's wages,	\$224 00
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SCHOOL NO. 1 (Primary.)

Teacher's wages,	203 00
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SCHOOL NO. 2.

Teacher's wages, \$196 00

SCHOOL NO. 3.

Teacher's wages, 224 00

SCHOOL NO. 4 (Grammar.)

Teacher's wages, 240 00

SCHOOL NO. 4 (Primary.)

Teacher's wages, 182 00

SCHOOL NO. 5.

Teacher's wages, 201 00

SCHOOL NO. 8.

Teacher's wages, 210 00

Cleaning school-houses, 10 50

Fuel, 69 89

Janitor's services, 15 00

\$1,775 39

Balance, \$14 32

SCHOOL-HOUSE AND INCIDENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

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Amount raised per tax, \$75 00

Appropriation unexpended from 1887, 94 48

169 48

EXPENDITURES.

CR.

Repairing school-houses, \$97 42

Balance, \$72 06

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	TERMS.	Length in Months.	Scholars Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Number Less than Five Years.	Number over Fifteen Years.	Wages per Month.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Scholars Attending.	Cost of each Scholar.
No. 1, Gram.	Vesta B. Shaw. Elmer Perkins.	1 { 2 { 3	3 $1\frac{1}{4}$ $2\frac{3}{4}$	18 16 18	16.8 13.9 16.9	15.5 13.2 15.1	0 0 0	2 4 5	\$32	32	32	
No. 1, Prim.	Carrie E. Soule.	1 { 2 { 3	3 $2\frac{1}{4}$ $2\frac{1}{2}$	18 19 20	16.5 18 13.8	15.9 14.8 9.1	0 0 0	0 1 3		28	28	
No. 2.	Bernice E. Cornish.	2 { 3	2 $2\frac{1}{4}$ $2\frac{1}{2}$	12 10.1 20	10.1 7.2 17.2	7.2 0 16.4	0 1 1	1 3 3		28	28	
No. 3.	Flora M. Cushing. Vesta B. Shaw.	2 { 3 { 1	2 $2\frac{1}{2}$ $1\frac{3}{4}$ 3	17 17 27	16.8 17 24.5	15.9 16.1 23.4	0 0 0	2 2 3		32	32	
No. 4, Gram.	Charles L. Bates.	2 { 3	2 $2\frac{1}{4}$ $2\frac{3}{4}$	28 30 27	24.5 30 23	22.9 18.1 14.8	0 0 0	6 7 7		36	36	
No. 4, Prim.	Nellie E. Gammons.	2 { 3	2 $2\frac{1}{2}$ $1\frac{1}{2}$	25 23 16	13.2 16.5 14.2	13.2 0 11.2	0 0 0	0 0 1		26	26	
No. 5.	Sadie F. Atwood. Leila Thomas.	1 { 2 { 3	1 $2\frac{1}{4}$ $1\frac{3}{4}$ 3	17 17 20	16.2 16.9 18	14.5 14.5 18	0 0 1	1 1 1		28	28	
No. 8.	Emily F. Chipman. Sadie F. Atwood.	1 { 2 { 3	1 $2\frac{1}{2}$ $1\frac{1}{2}$	20 20 18	15.3 15.3 17.5	14.3 14.3 16.3	0 0 0	5 5 5		30	30	

